

## II. REMARKS

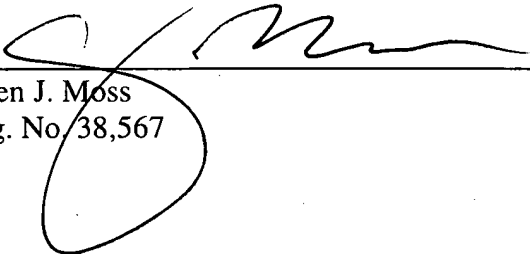
Claims 17-18 and 26-28 are pending. Claim 17 has been amended to clarify claim scope and is believed to still be in condition for allowance. No new matter is entered.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the issue fee, for such extension is to be charged to **Deposit Account No. 19-3878**.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if it would in any way advance prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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